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1. On 12 March 1951, a crane, which stood on the spur track of Lacrz (N 54/U 33) airfield, unloaded six aircraft crates from six flat-cars on to the loading ramp. On 16 March, two of the crates were seen on the western edge of the field and three crates were stored south of the flight control station. The sixth crate, loaded on a caterpillar trailer, was being towed toward the flight control station by a truck. The crates were approximately of the same size as those previously seen, except for a gable-like section on top. A railroad employee said that jet aircraft were packed in the crates and that the shipment was reported to have been taken over in Guben (O 52/A 79). (1)
2. Jet aircraft observed at the field on 16 March included: 10 to 12 along the taxiway on the southwestern edge of the field; 5 to 6 west of the flight control station; 12 to 15, east of the flight control station, and about 8 in the southeastern section of the field. Some additional jet planes were on the northern end of the N-S runway. Jet aircraft practiced flying in formations of up to 11 planes. They took off in elements of two. As soon as the first element was in line with the radio installation with four masts the other elements followed. Landings were made individually at distances of about 1,000 meters. Some of the aircraft observed had red,                      and individual planes appeared to have black                      (2) 50X1-HUM
3. Another railroad employee said that two full aircraft crates of the crates stored in Rechlin (N 54/U 33) on 12 March were dispatched to Mirow (N 54/U 33) where they were coupled to a military supply train going toward Guben.
4. Motor vehicles passing through Vietzen (N 54/U 33) between 12 and 13 March included: Truck                      loaded with food and billeting equipment; trucks                      loaded with boxes; truck                      loaded with coal; truck                      occupied by                     ; trucks                      loaded with barrels; trucks                      with trailers; truck                      with a mounted                      50X1-HUM  
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d searchlight; jeep [ ] passenger cars [ ]

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5. On 12 March an [ ] complained about poor business because the Soviets were forbidden to drink alcoholic beverages. He also said that the Soviets would remain in Rechlin and Laerz after all, and that the Volkspolizei pilot school was transferred to Frankfurt/Oder and not to Rechlin as previously planned. (u)
6. On 26 March, the crates which arrived at Eilerholz station on 26 March were stored on the Laerz airfield where the aircraft were being assembled. The road running along the western edge of the field was blocked for all traffic except for pedestrians who had a special pass (Propusk).

## [ ] Comments.

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- (1) The arrival of six aircraft crates was previously reported [ ]  
[ ] The new shape of the crates is reported  
for the first time. To date no observations have been made indicating  
that jet aircraft other than MIG-15s were possibly transported in these  
crates.
- (2) The exact number of jet aircraft stationed in Laerz has not been determined,  
but it amounts to at least 47, according to the aircraft [ ] so far  
observed. The observation of red and black aircraft [ ] confirms the  
previous belief that two fighter regiments are in Laerz. [ ]
- It has not been determined whether the aircraft [ ]  
belong to the fighter regiments stationed at Laerz.
- (3) [ ] the occupation of the air-  
field has been changed.
- (4) No other sources reported observations indicating that units from Rechlin-  
Laerz were to be transferred.
- (5) [ ] The arrival of 18 jet aircraft within 11 days is unusual.  
Therefore, it is believed possible that [ ]  
the two fighter regiments in Laerz is to be increased. [ ]

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